



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD 2017 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Funds for Livestock Exclusion Initiative (LEI)

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to award upwards of \$450,000 of Federal Section 319(h) funding for four (4) Soil and Water Conservation Districts (District) to implement livestock stream exclusion best management practices (BMPs). These four District projects are in response to an opportunity sent to eligible Districts on January 4, 2017 by DEQ.

The purpose of these grant awards is to provide supplemental funding to Districts to assist in funding the installation of livestock stream exclusion BMPs that were signed up with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) by 6/30/2015 for 100% funding. Funds are being made available to partner with other State resources from DCR in order to reach the 100% funding level. Twenty-one Districts (Big Walker, Blue Ridge, Clinch Valley, Culpeper, Halifax, Headwaters, Holston River, John Marshal, Lord Fairfax, Monacan, Mountain Castles, Natural Bridge, Patrick, Peaks of Otter, Peter Francisco, Piedmont, Pittsylvania, Robert E Lee, Shenandoah Valley, Southside and Thomas Jefferson) were identified as having 100% SL-6 Stream Exclusion practices signed up that were pending funding and which were located within local TMDL Implementation Plans (IP) areas that had been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

This NOIA was approved on February 28, 2017 and posted to the DEQ website at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/CleanWaterFinancingAssistance/NonpointSourceFunding.aspx>

2017 District NPS Livestock Exclusion Initiative Projects

Applicant	TMDL Implementation Plan - IP Watershed	# SL-6 BMPs	Amount \$ *	Match
Big Walker SWCD	Cripple Creek and Elk Creek IP – Lower and Upper Middle Cripple Creeks	4	\$143,100	\$84,183
Clinch Valley SWCD	Middle Clinch River – Big Cedar/Burgess and Middle Clinch River	5	\$196,957	\$59,684
Holston River SWCD	Beaver Creek and Little Creek – Beaver Creek	1	\$44,924	\$13,613
	North Fork River – Lower Holston River (NTU-239 and 240)	2	\$27,006	\$8,184
Lord Fairfax SWCD	Opequon Creek Watershed	1	\$32,365	\$6,369
Total Funding			\$444,352	\$172,033

**Note: Final award amounts will be determined during contract negotiation and may be lower than posted.*